

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 183

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families upon the renaming of State Route 1 to “The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway”.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those sterling organizations, and their individual members, that perform their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence, and have distinguished themselves as community leaders of which we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families are two estimable organizations composed of families who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents in order to memorialize and honor their loved ones who made the supreme sacrifice in our nation’s military; and

WHEREAS, through the passionate and unyielding efforts of the members of the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families, State Route 1, formerly the Memphis to Bristol Highway, has been renamed “The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway”, a tribute to those families who work assiduously to honor their lost loved ones through service to our veterans and this country; and

WHEREAS, the national organization of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was established in 1928 and is a nondenominational, nonprofit, and nonpolitical organization of mothers whose sons and daughters gave their lives in service to this country; and

WHEREAS, founded by Grace Darling Seibold after she lost her son during World War I, the group takes its name from the gold star that families hung in their windows in honor of a family member who lost his or her life defending this country; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans and serve as catalysts for positive change and increased compassion in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families upon the renaming of State Route 1, formerly the Memphis to Bristol Highway, to "The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway," salute their unparalleled efforts to honor and memorialize all families who have lost a loved one to service in the military, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.